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HEALTH PRODUCTS
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PROVINCE - ONTARIO



MEDICATIONS
RETURN PROGRAM

What can be returned?

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Prescription drugs
- ✓ Non-prescription drugs
- ✓ Natural health products

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Medical sharps, needles, syringes and lancets
- ✗ Commercial and institutional waste
- ✗ Empty pill bottles or other containers
- ✗ Cosmetics and beauty products



SHARPS
COLLECTION PROGRAM

What can be returned?

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Needles, needle tips and syringes
- ✓ Insulin pens
- ✓ Other medical sharps

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Commercial, institutional or pharmacy stock waste
- ✗ On site vaccine/flu shot waste
- ✗ Glucose meters; IV bags

For a full listing visit our website

Important Reminders

As of March 1, 2020, HPSA will no longer be accepting "Steri Pack" Over-Packaging (brown boxes). Only HPSA branded Sharp Over-Packaging (white boxes) will be collected for returning sharps containers. Please ensure that you have cleared your old supplies (phased out in December 2017) and are using HPSA branded Sharp Over-Packaging when preparing sharps containers for collection.



Online Service & Supply Request Form are now posted under the Material page ([here](#)). Please have a look and do not hesitate to reach out to us should you not find the information you are looking for.

Empty pills/tablets into the MRP container, keep liquid, creams and inhalers in original packaging, remove personal information.

HPSA recently noticed an increase in broken containers due to heavier weight. Please ensure that the weight of each MRP container does not exceed 23kg (50lbs) when full.

As HPSA offices are closing for the holiday season from December 21st,

2019 to January 2nd, 2020, please ensure to have your Service and Supply Request Form sent before December the 13th, 2019 to be processed.

NEW Programs!

New Brunswick:

HPSA is currently developing a medication return program in New Brunswick for 2020. HPSA has partnered with the NB Department of Health as well as the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists and the New Brunswick Pharmacist Association on services and delivery framework comparable to other programs administered by HPSA in Canada.

Manitoba:

HPSA has developed a Sharps Collection Program Plan for the province of Manitoba with a 2020 implementation. Additional information shall be provided once details are available. A copy of the proposed plan shall soon be available on HPSA's website and on the Ministry of Sustainable Development website.

Thank you for participating in the Ontario Medications Return and Ontario Sharps Collection Programs and for your continued efforts in making them a success. HPSA promotional material for public distribution are available [here](#).

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